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1. FOLLOWING REPORT ON TASS SEVERAL WEEKS AGO CONCERNING  
"BIASED REPORTING" BY NEW YORK TIMES' DAVID SHIPLER  
AFTER HIS RECENT TRIP TO BURYAT ASSR, JUNE ISSUE OF  
NOVOYE VREMYA (NO. 23) PICKS UP THE BALL AND WRITES  
OF "MR. SHIPLER'S METHODS" (WHICH COMES OUT MORE DRAMA-  
TICALLY AS "MR. SHIPLER'S CROOKED MIRROR" IN THE ENGLISH  
LANGUAGE EDITION). CORRESPONDENT V. YELIN TELLS OF SHIP-  
LER'S CHANCE TO ACQUAINT HIMSELF WITH "EVERY ASPECT OF  
THE COUNTRY'S LIFE"; STILL, THE REPORT SHIPLER CAME BACK  
WITH "HAS LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO WHAT HE SAW". SHIPLER  
CHARGES THAT THE "REPUBLIC OF BURYATIA" IS A "BACKWARD  
REGION", ITS CULTURE IS "SUBMERGED" AND ITS PEOPLE  
SUBJECT TO RUSSIFICATION AND "ASSIMILATION". YELIN,  
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HOWEVER, HAS THE TRUE FACTS. HE WRITES ABOUT HOW MUCH  
BETTER OFF THE BURYAT PEOPLE ARE NOW UNDER SOCIALISM.  
THE CHARGE OF RUSSIFICATION TOO IS OFF BASE, HE CLAIMS.  
SHIPLER "COULD HAVE REPORTED" THAT THE REPUBLIC NOW HAS  
ITS OWN CONSTITUTION, CENTRAL AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES  
AND SO ON. YELIN GOES ON TO QUOTE ANDREY MODOGYEV,  
FIRST SECRETARY OF THE BURYAT OBLAST PARTY COMMITTEE,

AS SAYING, "WHAT MR. SHIPLER TELLS HIS READERS IS A  
HODGEPODGE OF DISTORTIONS AND INACCURACIES, OR, TO PUT  
IT BLUNTLY, DELIBERATE DISINFORMATION DESIGNED TO DIS-  
TORT THE REAL STATE OF AFFAIRS." MATLOCK

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